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Dear Harold,

I really shouldn't be taking time now to go through your last two mailings for response, since there is a lot of school work to be done. But I am not in any mood to do it and I think this will help me relax.

I have the number at which I can reach Maury Levy at Phila magazine, though I've not yet been able to get him in. Probably will tomorrow. Not too sure what you want me to tell him, or if you mailed your letter to him. Assume you did. Will remind him of book, and ask about shows in area for you to do via telephone, for I really know of none.

I called WFLN as you asked, but was told they do not do such interviews.

The Boggs thing interests me very much. It is hard to judge from the one letter to him you sent just what you anticipate, so I look forward to discussing it with you. I believe you indicated there were other letters I'd be getting through others.

I called the book reviewer on Bulletin who told me that he had heard of your book but decided not to review it. I told him of the rave reviews it had gotten already and a little of the explosive material in it, strongly recommending that he read it. He said he'd look into it.

I submitted a request that our Bokkstore stock F-U and was told that it already had 5 copies. Will check tomorrow. I also put in a form to order it for our school library, which has your other things in the Law branch.

Of course, I will want a copy. If I can come soon as I hope, then we can transact that business in person and avoid mailing costs.

The Joe Goulden article is enclosed, minus 2 inconsequencial paragraphs which could not fit. The info you wanted is included.

There are some things from the JFK press conference I'd like to discuss, including what happened w Cambodia and the Bargbioorn case, which I had largely ignored until you said that he was an agent. Do you have the date of the NYT which reports JFK saying he'd splinter the CIA? You imply this came from that case.

Your note on the large amount of JFK policy material you now have is encouraging. I look forward to examining it when I am there. You say that we both have permission to copy. Perhaps since I will probably want much for my files I could handle the cost for your copies as well, if you want them.

Your letter to Dick which mentions possibility of postal snooping comes appropriately at a time when my paranoia of such things grows. Your second letter to me arrived with the same indications of having been opened as the other, which I have written about. At first I thought I was mistaken and that what I saw was merely some irregularity in your whole batch of envelops. Then I saw that the first envelop was a Freda-Jebaro and the second a "Harold Weisberg." So they couldn't have come from the same batch.

Which reminds me of something I forgot to report. A package in which Dick sent me a book arrived opened, over two weeks late, though mailed first class. It was stamped "PASSED FREE-- U.S. CUSTOMS". The package consisted of cardboard wrapping in the form of a box, the flaps sealed in with masking tape. At one end, the tape was broken. Don't know if this occured from shipping or if it was deliberate. I saved the package.

On the matter of coming down, I will be free after May 16, when finals end. My history paper has a slight extension now-- luckily--and must be done by July 1. Prof and I decided that to cover everything I originally intended would necessitate a book, for which neither has time. He suggested I write a paper possibly outlining a broader theory, but go into only one aspect in detail. This would be Vietnam. He said he would consider the paper as being other than the culmination of my research and read it with the assumption that my work will continue, as it shall.

Because of the great interest and craving for knowledge this project has evoked in me, I have decided to major in history here, with emphasis on US history since WWII. There is even the chance I could pick up my Masters in Hist in my senior year, as opposed to getting only my Bachelor degree.

So, if it is alright with you, the best time for me to come would be, say, in the week after May 16. That way I could go over the material and discuss things with you leaving me a reasonable amount of time to write my paper by July 1.

You also mentioned all the work you are doing at home. Again, let me say that I am anxious to be able to help you with whatever I can, indeed I welcome it. Though I'm no he-man, I could stand some hard work, and perhaps I could take some of the strain off you.

= It would be good (if it didn't put you out) if Dick and I could arrange to come together or, if he can't pick me up as you suggested, we could arrive at the same time. There is a chance (slim as it is) that my father might drive me down. At any rate, taking a bus is no major hassle for me.

Well, I do feel a lot better now. Must go.

Best,

Howie